

What is claimed is:

1. A generic SATPS receiver adapted to be programmed for use in selected ones of a plurality of SATPS applications, comprising:
a plurality of SATPS input paths; and
5 a plurality of possible outputs, wherein at least one of the plurality of possible outputs is activated based on requirements of a particular SATPS application.
2. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 1, wherein the particular
10 generic SATPS receiver application is selected from at least one of the group comprising: a wireless communicator application, a laptop computer application, a location services application, a cellular telephone application, and a vehicle navigation application.
- 15 3. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via software.
4. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via hardware.
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5. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via firmware.
6. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 1, wherein the generic
25 SATPS receiver is configurable for use with a Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite network.
7. A generic SATPS receiver adapted to be configured for use in any of a plurality of particular SATPS receiver applications, wherein the generic
30 SATPS receiver includes a plurality of input paths and a plurality of possible outputs, wherein the input paths and outputs are enabled based on requirements of a particular SATPS receiver application.

8. A generic SATPS receiver according to Claim 7, wherein the generic SATPS receiver includes a plurality of input paths and a plurality of possible outputs that are enabled based on a particular receiver application.

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9. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, comprising:
a radio frequency (RF) unit that generates RF outputs based on the plurality of inputs; and
a baseband unit that extracts data from selected ones of the RF outputs
10 and other inputs, wherein the baseband unit generates desired outputs utilized by the particular receiver application, and the desired outputs are selected from the plurality of possible outputs.

10. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein the baseband
15 unit extracts data from selected ones of the RF outputs and other inputs.

11. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein the particular SATPS receiver application is selected from at least one of the group comprising: a wireless communicator application, a laptop computer
20 application, a location services application, a cellular telephone application, and a vehicle navigation application.

12. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein selected ones of the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via software.

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13. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein selected ones of the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via hardware.

14. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein selected ones of
30 the plurality of the possible outputs are activated via firmware.

15. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 7, wherein the generic SATPS receiver is configurable for use with a Global Positioning System (GPS)

satellite network.

16. A generic SATPS receiver, comprising:
- an input path for SATPS satellite signals;
- 5 at least one input path other than the input path for SATPS satellite signals;
- an output path for outputting position; and
- at least one additional output path, wherein signals on the at least one additional output path being returned to the input paths, and wherein a
- 10 specific configuration of input paths and output paths used by a given SATPS receiver is selected based on testing of the input paths and the output paths.

17. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 16, wherein the testing of the input paths and the output paths identifies ones of the input paths and
- 15 ones of the output paths that are inoperable.

18. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 17, wherein the given SATPS receiver is removed from consideration for use in a particular application when one of the input paths or output paths that is inoperable is
- 20 one of the input paths or output paths that is needed for the particular application.

19. The generic SATPS receiver of Claim 16, wherein the generic SATPS receiver is configurable for use with a Global Positioning System (GPS)
- 25 satellite network.